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Update on Regional OP-TTX Communications Focused Tabletop Exercise (TTX) Awarded to Arizona by the OEC

Planning Update

The Yuma County Region has begun planning for the Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) Tabletop Exercise awarded to the State of Arizona through the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) Technical Assistance Support. On April 7, 30 local, state, and federal responders from around Yuma began planning an exercise scenario focused on the communications required to resolve an evolving civil disturbance that begins at the border crossing. The Exercise Planning Team convened again on April 30th to finalize the scenario and exercise logistics, and invited public safety professionals from around the region and the state to participate in the **Tabletop Exercise scheduled for May 21, 2009.**

This TTX will assess communications plans, policies, and procedures, and will emphasize the types of communications assets needed to guide the prevention of, response to, and recovery from the scenario's event. The TTX focuses on responders, supervisors, and communications specialists in the public safety/service community and should give the Yuma Region and its public safety partners an excellent opportunity to reinforce their strong regional multi-agency relationships.

Description of Technical Assistance

The State of Arizona Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Office announces that it has received approval of a Technical Assistance (TA) Request from the Federal Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications (OEC). The Regional OP-TTX Communications Focused Tabletop Exercise (TTX) provides first responders, supervisors, and communications specialists in the public safety/service community an opportunity to discuss communications plans, assets and personnel in a tabletop format. The TTX provides trained, qualified, and experienced Exercise Design Teams who collaborate with local public safety and public service professionals to design, facilitate, and evaluate a communications-focused tabletop exercise.

How Do I Learn More?

Anyone interested in observing should contact Greg Wilkinson, Director of the City of Yuma Information Technology Services, at 928-373-4914.